GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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POLICY FOR UPLIFTMENT OF SMALL AND MARGINAL FARMERS
ANANTRAO GUDHE;BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB;SUBODH ROY

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any national policy for the upliftment of the small and marginal farmers of the country, particularly of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the condition of the farmers especially those living in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh has deteriorated; and

(e): if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government to improve their condition?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The Government has already announced the National Agriculture Policy in July, 2000,which seeks to secure a fair standard of living for all farmers communities, including small and marginal farmers.

(d) The Government has not come across any specific report about the deteriorating conditions of farmersa in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

(e): Does not arise.